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STATE REPRESENTATIVE ★ DISTRICT 137



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## NEWSLETTER

April 2018

Friends,

Spring is full swing, and there has been a lot going on in District 137!

This month has blessed us with beautiful weather, and I hope you and your family were able to enjoy it as I was able to with mine. Seeing the lovely bluebonnets in full bloom reminds me why we chose them as our State flower.

METRO is offering free bus rides to kids K-12 this summer. I hope this information will be useful to our students and their families.

Finding childcare during the summer months can be challenging. I wanted to let you know about some of the programs being put on by the Chinese Community Center, and a special program for our Gulfton youth, the Community Youth Development Program.

I am pleased that District 137 is hosting a Farmer's Market at the Southwest Multi-Service Center. Please take advantage of the fresh and nutritious options, as well as the many forms of payment that are available.



Gene and his family enjoying the bluebonnets

I'd like to inform you all that I will be hosting a public safety event on June 1st at the Chinese Community Center in conjunction with the Houston Police Department. Warmer weather brings a rise in crime, and I want to make sure that we are doing everything we can to help keep District 137 a safe and great place to live.

The month of May is Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage appreciation month. I want to thank all of our citizens and businesses that distinguish the Asian community in District 137 as one of the most extensive and well represented in the State of Texas.

Lastly, I would like to wish a happy Mother's Day to all of our great moms in District 137. Thank you for all that you do!

Sincerely,

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## Summer Programs

As the school year starts to wind down, I wanted to make sure that parents were aware of some of the great summer programs being offered in our community!

If you would like more information about any of this information, please don't hesitate to reach out to my staff. They will be happy to provide additional information and resources to help get you and your family all set up for a great summer!

Contact: [jake.breault@house.texas.gov](mailto:jake.breault@house.texas.gov)

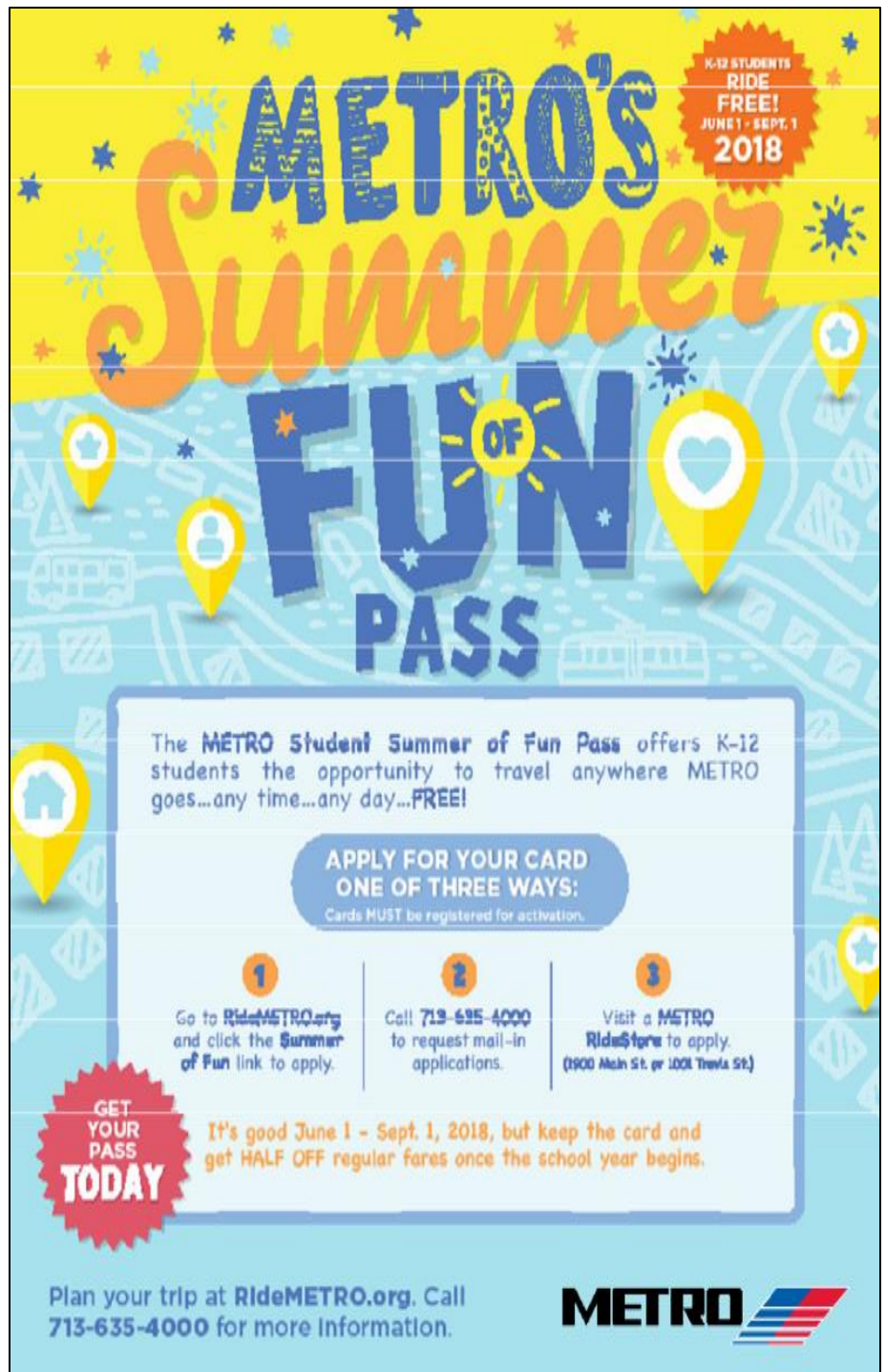
### METRO's Summer of Fun Program

Take advantage of free METRO rides starting June 1<sup>st</sup>!

This summer, METRO will be offering K-12 students the opportunity to join their METRO Summer of Fun Program. Students can ride the bus for free by presenting a Student METRO Q® Fare Card, and METRO will take you to wherever the fun is!

Don't have a Student METRO Q® Fare Card? You can apply three ways.

- [Apply online.](#)
- Mail in this [form](#).
- Visit one of these METRO RideStore locations:
  - 1900 Main Street
  - 1001 Travis Street



**K-12 STUDENTS RIDE FREE! JUNE 1 - SEPT. 1 2018**

# METRO's Summer of Fun PASS

The METRO Student Summer of Fun Pass offers K-12 students the opportunity to travel anywhere METRO goes...any time...any day...FREE!

**APPLY FOR YOUR CARD ONE OF THREE WAYS:**  
Cards MUST be registered for activation.

- 1** Go to [RideMETRO.org](http://RideMETRO.org) and click the Summer of Fun link to apply.
- 2** Call 713-635-4000 to request mail-in applications.
- 3** Visit a METRO RideStore to apply. (1900 Main St. or 1001 Travis St.)

**GET YOUR PASS TODAY**

It's good June 1 - Sept. 1, 2018, but keep the card and get HALF OFF regular fares once the school year begins.

Plan your trip at [RideMETRO.org](http://RideMETRO.org). Call 713-635-4000 for more information.


**METRO**

For more information about this opportunity, please visit <https://www.ridemetro.org/Pages/SummerFun.aspx>.



CHINESE COMMUNITY CENTER

# SUMMER -OF- wonder



**CHOOSE KINDNESS IN THE COMMUNITY**

JUNE 4-AUGUST 17, 2018 (CLOSED JULY 4, 2018)  
7:30AM-6:30PM  
9800 TOWN PARK DR., HOUSTON, 77036

VISIT US ONLINE FOR MORE  
INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER:  
[WWW.CCCHOUSTON.ORG/SUMMERCAMP](http://WWW.CCCHOUSTON.ORG/SUMMERCAMP)

## PROGRAM FEATURES

**SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL AND ACADEMIC DEVELOPMENT:** STUDENTS WILL EXPLORE THEME INSPIRED STEM, ART, SOCIAL STUDIES AND ENGLISH CURRICULUMS WHILE EXPLORING WAYS TO PUT KINDNESS BACK INTO OUR COMMUNITY THROUGH COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS.

**SUMMER READING PROGRAM:** LIMITED SPOTS AVAILABLE IN OUR WEEKLY BOOK CLUBS. STUDENTS WILL BE PROVIDED BOOKS AND TIME TO READ AND DISCUSS EXCITING, AGE-APPROPRIATE BOOKS WITH THEIR PEERS.

**CHINESE OR ESL LANGUAGE ADD-ON:** OPTIONAL INTERACTIVE CHINESE LANGUAGE OR ESL CLASSES.

**WEEKLY PROGRAMMING:** ALLOWS FOR FLEXIBLE SCHEDULING. SIGN UP FOR THE WEEKS THAT YOU WANT!

**HANDS-ON LEARNING:** TEACHES STUDENTS ACADEMIC CONCEPTS TO ALLOW STUDENTS TO CONNECT ABSTRACT CONCEPTS WITH REAL-WORLD APPLICATIONS.

**FIELDTRIPS:** WEEKLY ENGAGING FIELD TRIPS EXPLORING THE HOUSTON AREA.

**SPORTS & WATER ACTIVITIES:** TEAM-BUILDING SPORTS AND OPTIONAL WATER ACTIVITIES ON FRIDAYS.

**CODEVENTURE PROGRAM:** ONLY 12 SPOTS IN THIS SPECIAL PROGRAM. STUDENTS WILL GET HANDS-ON LEARNING IN CODING THROUGH SPHERO AND LEGO ROBOTICS.

## Tuition

**REGISTRATION FEE:** \$30/CHILD

**WEEKLY RATE:** \$180 IF PAID BY THE FRIDAY PRIOR TO ENROLLED WEEK  
\$190 PAYMENT MADE WEEK OF ENROLLMENT  
\$50 FOR CHINESE LANGUAGE ADD-ON

**DAILY RATE:** \$60/FIELDTRIP DAYS: \$50/ON-SITE DAYS

**EARLY REGISTRATION DISCOUNT:** REGISTER EARLY BEFORE MAY 15TH FOR ONLY \$45!

### A few of the summer programs being put on in District 137!

#### Community Youth Development

In 1995, the 74<sup>th</sup> Legislature approved funds for the creation and implementation of the Community Youth Development (CYD) Program. Communities identified as needing special attention to address the conditions that lead to juvenile crime were identified as target areas for youth to receive CYD services.

Services are provided to youth 17 years of age and under who reside or attend school in the 77081 & 77506 ZIP codes and to family members of eligible youth. There are no income eligibility requirements to receive services, participation is completely voluntary and all services are offered free of charge.

The CYD program is made up of a steering committee, fiscal agent, youth advisory committee and project coordinator. Currently, five programs make up the Gulfton 77081 CYD program and three programs make up the Pasadena 77506 CYD program.

#### Current Subcontractors:

- **The Alliance Kijana Teens Program**  
After school & summer camp programs to Gulfton youth ages 10-17.  
Contact: Marilyn Ventura (713)776-4700
- **Redeemed Youth Empowerment**  
Life skills and recreational services to youth ages 10-17.  
Contact: Cristina Rodriguez (832)457-2880
- **Minds in Motion (YAC)**  
Youth group that meets bi-weekly and participates in monthly service learning projects. Provides youth leadership services to middle school & high school age youth.  
Contact: Cristal Atilano (832)526-3596
- **City of Houston Campo Del Sol**  
Summer recreational program: sports, games, arts & crafts to youth ages 10 – 17 at Burnett Bayland Park during the summer.  
Contact: Jesse Gutierrez (713) 492-5560
- **Equip 24/7 Inc.**  
Leadership & life skills by developing positive education strategies, self-esteem and positive peer, family & community interaction skills.  
Contact: Tyrone Smith (713) 571 – 9121
- **PAIR Mentoring**  
Provides one-to-one and group mentoring services to middle school youth.  
Contact: Lauren West (713)771-1111

#### **For more information contact:**

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CYD Program Coordinator  
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## Southwest Multi-Service Center Farmers Market



Month	Day
April	11 & 25
May	16 & 30
June	13 & 27
July	11 & 25
August	8 & 22
September	12 & 26
October	10 & 24

The Houston Health Department is excited to announce that it is finally Farmers Market Season!

From April to October, you can visit the Southwest Multiservice Center at **6400 Highstar Drive, Houston, TX 77074** from **10:30 AM to 2:30 PM** on the dates listed to the left, and explore the healthy food options provided by local vendors.

The Southwest Multiservice Center Farmer's Market is the most impactful Farmers Market within the Health Department. The City of Houston is committed to improving the health of Houstonians and hopes to reach more families by expanding payment options. You can pay using:

- Cash
- Credit/Debit
- WIC Farmers Market Nutrition Program (FMNP) Vouchers
  - WIC participants may be eligible to receive this \$30, one time per year voucher.
  - Register at any Get Moving Houston Farmers Market with a current WIC shopping list.
  - Vouchers can be used to purchase authorized produce only; each must be signed and dated.
  - Lost, stolen or expired vouchers will not be replaced; no cash change will be given for vouchers.
- Health Houston Bucks
  - Double SNAP benefits for fruit and veggie purchases at any Get Moving Houston Farmers Market.
  - Swipe amount in Health Houston Bucks.
  - Use Bucks to purchase fresh fruit and veggies at the Get Moving Houston Farmers Market.



For more information on the Houston Health Department's Farmers Market Initiative, please visit [farmersmarket@houstontx.gov](mailto:farmersmarket@houstontx.gov) or call (832) 393-4054.

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## Public Safety Event with Houston Police Department's Robbery Division

On June 1st, I will be hosting a public safety event to address some of the concerns in our community.

**Everybody is welcome to join!**

Please see the flier below for more information. If you have any questions, please reach out to my staff.





## **State Representative Gene Wu:**

Invites you to join him and the Houston Police Department for a special event regarding safety in our community. Officers from the Robbery Division will give a presentation on "Jugging", as well as other dangers, and how we can defend ourselves against becoming a victim.

When: **June 1st, 10:00am - 12:00pm.**

Where: **Chinese Community Center**  
**9800 Town Park Drive, Houston, TX 77036**

There will be a presentation, followed by a Q&A with HPD Officers. Bilingual officers and translators will be in attendance to help answer any questions.

### **Contact:**

Jake Breault - 713.271.3900 [jake.breault@house.texas.gov](mailto:jake.breault@house.texas.gov) - Rep. Wu

Jane Vo - 713.271.6100 [jane@ccchouston.org](mailto:jane@ccchouston.org) - Chinese Community Center

**We welcome everyone, and hope to see you there!**

